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H.R. 3996—Amendment to the Temporary Tax Relief Act

H.R. 3996, the Temporary Tax Relief Act (sponsored by Rep. Charles Rangel, D-NY), is being considered on the House floor on Friday, November 9, 2007, subject to a modified closed rule (<u>H.Res. 809</u>), making in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute (debatable for one hour), if offered by Ways & Means Committee Ranking Member Jim McCrery (R-LA). No other amendment would be in order.

Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), on behalf of the RSC, offered an amendment that would have struck the tax-increase title (Title VI) of the underlying bill, yet the Rules Committee did not make the amendment in order.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, except those regarding PAYGO and earmarks, waives all points of order against the bill itself—except the earmarks rule—and allows the Chair to postpone consideration of the legislation at any time during its consideration. The rule allows one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Note: For a summary of the underlying bill, see a separate RSC document released yesterday.

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McCRERY AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

The McCrery Amendment has not yet been finalized. When more information becomes available, we will update this document.

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